

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#3/4 *Or* S/15/a

In re the Application of

Docket No.:

TI-30637

Brenner *et al.*

Art Unit:

TBD

Appln. No.: TBD

Examiner:

TBD

Filed: Herewith

For: Separating Wafers Coated with Plastic Films

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination or calculation of fees, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, before line 1:

A' This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/259,032 filed 12/29/00.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."